Mobile Dak Telephony Scheme

3570. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Mobile Dak Telephony Scheme;

(b) the villages that would be covered, State-wise, and the incentives that would be given to the postmen to make it popular;

(c) whether this would have STD facility also; and

(d) the estimated earnings per annum, thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) A pilot scheme has been launched on 24.12.2002 through Grameen Dak Sewak Delivery Agents (GDSDAs) of the Department of Posts (DoP) called "Grameen Sanchar Sewak (GSS)" who were willing to work as franchisee of BSNL. The telephone facility has been provided to the villages through the GSS who carry a Mobile Fixed Wireless Terminal (FWT) with display unit facility in a carry bag and visits door-to-door to provide telephone facility to the rural population in his routine beat in the villages.

(b) 8191 villages are being covered by 1860 GSSs throughout the country. C icfe-w Be cteiaib aje gien ii the S tetan ent <*$ee* below).The GSS is entitled to 20% commission on all outgoing calls. The GSS can charge Rs. 5/- for passing on message to the concerned person in the village.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Estimated earnings per annum is about Rs. 1.1 crores.

Statement

No. of GSS and villages being covered

Sl.No.	Circle	No. of GSS	No. of villages being covered
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	52	142
2.	Assam	41	310

1	2	3	4
3.	Bihar	440	1309
4.	Jharkhand	83	613
5.	Gujarat	56	122
6.	Himachal Pradesh	24	121
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	6	29
8.	Karnataka	57	199
9.	Kerala	87	48
10.	Madhya Pradesh	72	433
11.	Chhattisgarh	113	478
12.	Maharashtra	71	170
13.	North East-I	21	95
14.	North East-ll	11	61
15.	Orissa	177	925
16.	Rajasthan	38	132
17.	Tamil Nadu	40	234
18.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	181	1056
19.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	80	417
20.	Uttaranchal	85	493
21.	West Bengal	125	804
	TOTAL:	1860	8191

Functioning of Telephone Advisory Committees

3571. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the powers, responsibilities and functioning of the Telephone Advisory Committee Members;